have been added. New Boeing 747-400 aircraft have been deployed on India-New York Sector.

Arrival of Tourists in the Country

3067. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist arrivals during the last three years;

(b) the target fixed for the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the efforts being made to upgrade and modernise infrastructural facilities to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The tourist arrivals, including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, during the last three years were as given below:

Year;	Tourist Arrivals
1991	16,77,508
1992	18,67,651
1993	17,64,830

(b) The Eighth Five Year Plan envisages an annual rate of growth of 9 to 10 per cent in tourist arrivals.

(c) The efforts being made to upgrade and modernise the infrastructural facilities for tourism include improvement of investment facilities and incentives and better co-ordination with other Government agencies including the State Governments and the Private Sector.

Earnings of Government from Private Airliners

3068. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the Government earnings from each private airliner during the last twelve months?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Financial condition of Indian Airlines

3069. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether repealing of the Air Corporation Act, 1953 has, in any way, paved the way for improving the financial condition of Indian Airlines;

(b) whether Government have any plans to restructure the IA and AI; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to enable the IA and AI to work in unison and mount additinoal capacity?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Repeal of the Air Corporations Act, 1953 is among the various steps in improving the performance of Indian Airlines.

(b) As a first step towards restructuring, a common Board of Director has been appointed for the two airlines.

(c) Indian Airlines and Air India have already introduced joint services between Calicut to points in Gulf region like Muscat, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Hub and Spoke operations have commenced from Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Amritsar from February, 1994. Under this scheme, Indian Airlines operates fligh's from the above three points to Delhi/Bombay from where passengers can get convenient connections for journeys on international sectors, through Air India flights.

Promotion of tourism in Rajasthan

3070. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that six million tourists visit Singapore

every year, Monaco attracts nine million and Switzerland and the U.K. get more than 60 million tourists whereas India lags way behind in comparison to these geographically smaller countries in tapping tourist potential and its share was a little over one million last year; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote tourism in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) According to the information available with the Government, the number of tourist arrivals in Singapore, Monaco, Switzerland and U.K. were about 6 million, 0.2 million, 12.8 million and 18.5 million respectively. The total tourist arrivals in India during the same year were about 1.87 million.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in Rajasthan include improvement of infrastructural facilities in the State and continued publicity of tourist attractions of Rajasthan in the overseas markets.

Setting up of floating hotel-cum-commercial complex in Bombay

3071. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a floating-hotel-cum-commercial complex to be set up in the Sea in Bombay at Cuffe Parade has been approved by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the cost of the project, its foreign exchange content and salient features?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government has approved foreign investment in a hotel-cum-commercial complex project, off Bombay Shore, Greater Bombay. The joint venture company will have 51 per cent foreign equity and 20 per cent NRI equity.

Harassment by IA staff

3072. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two officials of Indian Airlines were put under suspension for dereliction of duty and putting passengers of an Hyderabad-Delhi IA Flight on the 20th January, 1994, to inconvenience which was diverted to Ahmedabad as reported in the Deccan Herald dated the 23rd January, 1994;

(b) whether there have been any other complaints earlier from VIPs and MPs on harassment by the IA staff at facilitation counters and if so, the deterrent or punitive action initiated on such complaints; and

(c) whether Government would consider such complaints from general public and the VIPs as serious?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Passenger complaints whether from general public or from VIPs are taken by Indian Airlines with a great deal of seriousness.

Judicial inquiry into the crash of IA boeing 737

3073. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a judicial inquiry into the Indian Airlines Boeing 737 crash at Aurangabad in April, 1993 in which 55 persons were killed has held that the crash was due to pilot error, as reported in the Times of India dated the 4th January, 1994; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pilot's performance during training and subsequent check were not upto the mark and if so, why he was entrusted